

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Carl Wamble

648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Call to Worship: Bernard Foster

470 Victory in Jesus
976 I Shall Not Be Moved
313 The Old Rugged Cross

Bread: Calvin Mitchell
Fruit of the Vine: Chris Forand
Giving: Palmer Young

745 Humble Yourself

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:24-34
Kellen Gibson

613 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Sermon: Ricky Cook

948 I am Resolved

Prayer Requests/Announcements

710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Closing Prayer: Palmer Young

Usher 1: Bob Ozomah
Usher 2: LeRoy Bell
Projectionist: Byron Vaughan

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.



Where Faith Meets Life!

Meet Today

10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Aaron Springer

16 All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Worship: Allen Pratt

194 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
359 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
382 Kneel at the Cross
203 Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bread: Henry Jenkins
Fruit of the Vine: Gwan Price
Giving: Jesse Frerot

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:24-34
John Birus

244 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Sermon: Ricky Cook

436 Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer Requests/Announcements

S-78 Days of Elijah

Closing Prayer: Jesse Frerot

Usher 1: Joe Ford
Usher 2: Ian Huckabey
Projectionist: Bruce Robins

Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.

We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.

Wednesday, November 5th

Song Leader	Allen Pratt
Devotional Leader	Allen Pratt
Closing Prayer	Antoine Johnson



Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are available in the foyer. The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.

Serving Next Week: November 9th	
8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Steve Jones
Song Leader	Kevin Taylor
Call To Worship	Steve Jones
Bread	Byron Vaughan
Fruit of the Vine	Zane Huckabey
Giving	Eric Gilbey
Scripture Reader	Alan Sandlin
Closing Prayer	Eric Gilbey
Usher 1	Reggie White
Usher 2	Kevin Hogg
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Neal Wilkins
Song Leader	Kevin Nash
Call to Worship	Alan Bobo
Bread	Emagii Graves
Fruit of the Vine	Bruce Robins
Giving	Del Meadows
Scripture Reader	Ethan Graves
Closing Prayer	Del Meadows
Usher 1	Michael Ozomah
Usher 2	Curtis Brooks
Projectionist	Chuck Morris



November 2, 2025

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Spanish service 12:15 pm
Bible Classes: 9:30 am
Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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The True Measure of a Friend

“A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.” *Proverbs 18:24*

What constitutes a friend? Everyone would do well to consider this query. Quite often the standard for considering someone a friend is rather low. Anyone that has used Facebook has likely “friended” or received friend requests from complete strangers. While the word “friend” can have different contexts, we do not always observe these different contexts is our interaction with others. For example, the fact that I see a person regularly at work/school does not mean that I can confide in that individual. Genuine friendship is not constituted by familiarity, laughing together, kindred interests, or a host of other shallow considerations.

Wise King Solomon declared that “brotherhood” is a sound basis for friendship – *Proverbs 17:17* “A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.” The idea of being a “brother” transcends the idea of solely being of the same parentage/ancestry. It speaks to a commitment that a casual acquaintance does not have. By contrast, a friend/brother can be always depended on, even in times of difficulty.

The greatest friend we will ever have is the Lord – *Romans 5:8* “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Let us be ever mindful of the fact that God’s friendship extends beyond Calvary’s cross – *1 Peter 5:7* “casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” Friendship, when it is genuinely friendship, is reciprocal. God’s friendship is demonstrated in His love, grace, mercy, provision, et al. Our friendship to God is demonstrated through our faithfulness to Him – *John 15:14* “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.” One of the true measures of God’s friendship is that chooses us even though He does not need us. What a wonderful friend He is! To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook